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1. POLISH PRESS COVERAGE OF TITO'S MARCH 10-13 VISIT HAS BEEN LIMITED TO ITS WORKING ASPECTS, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE TITO PARTY WAS HOUSED IN A HUNTING LODGE NEAR RZESZOW, WHERE THE DELIBERATIONS TOOK PLACE, AND PROBABLY DID SOME HUNTING ON THE SIDE. THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE WAS HEAVY, HOWEVER, WITH THE TWO SIDES MEETING AT LEAST ONCE EACH DAY, GENERALLY AT THREE LEVELS -- THE TOP LEADERSHIP, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND THE PARTY ORGANIZERS AND FOREIGN-POLICY EXPERTS. WE ASSUME THE DETAILED COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATIONS IS AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT. CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT WAS HIGH-LEVEL ECONOMIC REPRESENTATION AT EITHER THE PARTY OR GOVERNMENT LEVEL,
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WHICH INDICATES THAT THE TALKS WERE PRIMARILY POLITICAL IN

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NATURE, DESPITE PRESS EMPHASIS ON THE TWO COUNTRIES' ECONOMIC TIES.

2. THE PROMINENT, THOUGH SCANTY, MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE VISIT STRESSED THE WARM PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS, GIVING A CERTAIN DEFERENCE TO TITO AS A MAN OF SPECIAL STATURE. THERE WAS HEAVY EMPHASIS ON THE INCREASINGLY CLOSE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP, WITH POLAND BEING CITED AS FIRST AMONG YUGOSLAVIA'S PARTNERS IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. YUGOSLAVIA'S SPECIAL STATUS AS A SOCIALIST BUT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY, AND POLAND'S SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT FOR THIS STATUS, ALSO CAME THROUGH STRONGLY IN THE PRESS COMMENTARY. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE INDICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE OR TONE OF THE TALKS; HOWEVER, IN HIS AFTER-DINNER REMARKS AND A TANJUG INTERVIEW PUBLISHED HERE TITO DISPLAYED A MORE PESSIMISTIC VIEW OF THE WORLD SITUATION THAN IS USUALLY HEARD IN POLAND, WHERE EMPHASIS ON DETENTE HAS AN OPTIMISTIC RING, ALBEIT SOMETIMES FORCED.

3. THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE A COPY OF THE BRIEF COMMUNIQUE, PUBLISHED HERE ON MARCH 14. TITO SEEMS TO HAVE SCORED ON AT LEAST TWO POINTS OF INTEREST. IN ADDITION TO AN UNUSUAL SOP TO THE CONTRIBUTION OF NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO DETENTE, THERE IS A CAVEAT CONCERNING POLISH-YUGOSLAV BILATERAL RELATIONS. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO INTENSIFY COOPERATION IN ALL AREAS, BUT WITH "RESPECT FOR THE SPECIFICS OF INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL POSITION OF BOTH COUNTRIES." THIS SEEMS TO REPRESENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE POLES OF YUGOSLAVIA'S UNIQUE, SOCIALIST CHARACTER AND ITS POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT, BUT IT IS ALSO AN UNMISTAKABLE REFERENCE TO THE UNDESIRABILITY OF FURTHER SUPPORT FROM ABROAD FOR COMINFORMIST CONSPIRATORS.

4. THE REST OF THE COMMUNIQUE SEEMS UNREMARKABLE, EXCEPT FOR SOME POSSIBILY SIGNIFICANT OMISSIONS. GONE ARE THE PAEANS TO THE SOVIET UNION WHICH USUALLY CHARACTERIZE COMMUNIQUES SIGNED BY POLAND WITH OTHER SOCIALIST STATES. ABSENT ALSO IS THE USUAL REFERENCE TO THE IMPORTANCE FOR DETENTE OF IMPROVED U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. THE PASSAGE ON VIET-NAM IS WATERED DOWN, WITHOUT A WORD ABOUT POLAND'S ICCS ROLE. FINALLY,
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THERE IS NO MENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

5. COMMENT: SOME OF OUR DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES HERE HAVE THE IMPRESSION GIEREK WAS INSTRUCTED TO BRING TITO ALONGSIDE ON THE QUESTION OF THE EUROPEAN CP CONFERENCE. IF SO, THERE IS NO INDICATION SO FAR THAT HE SUCCEEDED. (IF TITO BAGGED A BISON, THAT, TOO, IS SECRET.)
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